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A Second LETTER *from a Merchant in* Amſterdam, *to his Correſpondent in* London.

Amſterdam, Nov. 21. 1718. *O. S.*

SIR,

SINCE my laſt of the 14*th* Inſtant, I can now tell you, for your greater Encouragement to come and ſettle Here with your Eſtate, That *France* offers to us Our own Terms of Commerce, (which will be highly to the Advantage of our Trade) and in ſuch Manner, that your Friends in *England* can have no Benefit by it: Nay, 'tis ſo far from it, that notwithſtanding the Dependance of the *Engliſh* Court upon the Regent's Favour, yet your Nation have not, nor are like to have, any Commerce with *France*, otherwiſe than by Exchanging your Mony, Bullion and Sheep's Wooll, for their Wine, wrought Silks, Linnen, and other Manufactures, which are Run into all Ports in *Britain*, without paying Cuſtoms.

I deſire you will alſo Conſider another Advantage you will have Here. In *England* you have a Prohibition of Trade with *Sweden*, and into and from all Dominions which are, or may be, under the Power of the King of *Sweden:* And as all *Norway* is now probably in the Poſſeſſion of that King, we can from hence Trade ſafely with ſufficient Paſſes, and carry any Goods and Merchandizes, which we ſell to great Profit; Whilſt your People are excluded all Trade thither, even in Woollen Manufactures, Fiſh, Corn, *&c.* of your own Country's Product.

In return of our Trade hence, We (being in a Manner the ſole Buyers in the Dominions of *Sweden*) can buy Firr, Timber, Deals, Maſts for Ships, Pitch, Tarr, Iron, *&c.* upon our own Terms, and in Barter for any Goods and Merchandizes of our Own, or other Country's, and ſell them again to *England* at 50 *per Cent.* Profit, and receive Mony from *England* for them. And if it ſhould be our Misfortune to be forc'd into a War with *Spain* (which I hope may be avoided) you may depend upon Trading from hence with *Spaniſh* Paſſes: For *Here*, Trade being Our chief End in all our Engagements with Forreign Countryie, nothing can prevail upon this State to do any Act that ſhall Impede or Diſturb it.

Theſe Reaſons, and thoſe I gave you in my former Letter, I preſume will make you Reſolve immediately to bring over your Eſtate; which you may do moſt to your Advantage in the *Engliſh* Coin, by which you will get 5 *per Cent.* more than by ſending *Engliſh* Goods. Thoſe among us who have Mony in your Funds (which is computed at 16 Millions *Sterling*) generally order their Annual Intereſt and Dividends to be ſent over in Bullion, which you may eaſily find ways to do, whilſt you may have *Specie* for Paper. It will turn to Account to give a *Præmium* for Crown-pieces, to have a Quantity. For your further Encouragement, We have got moſt of your Pepper Settlements in *India* into Our Hands; and by the Schemes We have lately formed, We have Reaſon to believe, that the whole Pepper Trade will ſoon be intirely in our Poſſeſſion, as well as that of the other *Spices.*

I am, Sir,

Your, &c.

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